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1. [redacted] several construction [redacted]
50X1 [redacted] projects were in Hungary [redacted] as follows:
50X1 (a) Baja [redacted] 1611N-1857E: there was a construction site located
50X1 on the eastern bank of the Danube, about 50 m from the
50X1 water's edge, 100 m north of the harbor and 30 m north of
50X1 the road leading to Baja. [redacted]
50X1 [redacted] the work, done by
prisoners under military guard, was going on day and night.
The construction site consisted of an excavation measuring
50X1 about 50x40x four m. The bottom of the excavation was
50X1 covered with stones (no concrete, however), as were the
50X1 slanted walls which reached to a height of about one m.
[redacted] no machinery or structures around the site,
50X1 although [redacted] the sound of machinery (probably rock
breakers) coming from the bottom of the excavation. [redacted]
50X1 no earth mounds near the site; but [redacted] two gravel heaps.
There were no rail tracks in the area. [redacted] the
50X1 number of workers was about 50. These workers were super-
vised by Hungarian Army officers. There were guards around
the site who prohibited unauthorized persons from approach-
ing. Electric wires (probably from the main Baja lines)
on small wooden posts reached the area. Surrounding
50X1 terrain was farm land; the stretch between the Danube and
the site was grass covered. [redacted]
this construction site would be a system of casemates.

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(b) Dunafoldvar /4648N-1855E7: [] a bridge under construction here in May 1951, but believe that it was actually reconstruction work, because the concrete bridge supports appeared to be old. The bridge had five concrete supports: the two at the extremes on dry ground. These supports were about four by three m; their height above water level was about eight m. There were two or three concrete supports lying on the river banks. At that time of observation the two supports on both sides of the river were connected by steel arch structures, and the section between the middle support and the two supports nearer the shores was not completed. The total length of the bridge was approximately 200 m (about 50 m between supports).

50X1 There was a work site on the western bank of the river near
50X1 the bridge where bridge structures were being assembled. []
50X1 [] the bridge should have been ready by May 1952.
50X1 [] no other bridge construction in the area.

(c) Budapest: In June 1951 [] a bridge [] was located about one km downstream from the Parliament building (the closest bridge to the Parliament building). []
50X1 this bridge was
50X1 damaged during the war. [] only the bridge supports,
50X1 consisting of four x two m concrete legs, were in place. []
50X1 [] two cranes (capacity unknown), one on each bank, and
50X1 one floating dock on which bridge structures were being welded.
50X1 From hearsay and observation [] this would be a
50X1 steel arch bridge. The width of the Danube at the bridge site
50X1 was approximately 120 m. [] the
50X1 bridge would be finished by the end of 1952, and that street car
50X1 tracks were to be installed on it. This was the only bridge
under construction in Budapest at this time.

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